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1. **DE 37 04 318 C2** - It is known to monitor the operating mode of a microprocessor and to thereby check correct answers to asked questions by comparison with predetermined reference data. Furthermore, the microprocessor can also be monitored as regards time. The construction of an electronic control unit according to the preamble of patent claim 1 should be known to the applicant from citation 2 (JP 2002 108835 A).

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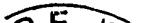


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